

## Francis Preston Blair to Andrew Jackson, August 17, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### FRANCIS P. BLAIR TO JACKSON.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This is the first letter from Blair to Jackson in the Jackson MSS. It seems to be the beginning of what was destined to be a long and affectionate friendship. Worden Pope (to Jackson, Aug. 6, 1831) said that Blair's charges against the bank in Kentucky were false.

Frankfort, KY., August 17, 1830.

*Dear Sir,* I have taken the liberty to transmit to you by this days mail, a paper containing a list of the members elect to the general Assembly of Kentucky, with a designation of the political cast under which they received the suffrages of the people. The information upon which this statement is founded, is of the most unquestionable character. I have no fears that any defection will take place, that can change the complexion of the Legislature, from that given to it in The Argus.

The Election in this county, was a most extraordinary one. It was distinguished on the part of Mr. Clay's friends by the foulest bribery and fraud. Votes were notoriously purchased with large sums of money; and the Officers at the polls conducted every thing with marked partiality and injustice to favor the election of Mr. Crittenden. Notice has been served that the election will be contested, and unless the most iniquitous influence shall prevail, and controul the result, Mr. Sanders must obtain the seat by a considerable majority. It is not improbable that the funds applied to carry the election here, as well as in other counties

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of the state, was furnished by the Branch of the Bank of the U. S. at Lexington. Genl. McCalla is in possession of evidence that will go far to establish this fact. . . .